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The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk of the Commission
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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Re: Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for a Proceeding to Timely Review FCC
Mandated Reductions to Intrastate Access Tariffs
Docket No.: 2012-136-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On May 21, 2012, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") filed a "Response to AT&T's Motions" expressing concern that some data that will be filed in this docket might possibly require protection beyond that afforded in the Proposed Protective Order AT&T South Carolina filed on May 9, 2012. On May 22, 2012, the SCTC copied all parties of record on an email to the Commission clarifying that the SCTC's Petition of May 15, 2012 was intended to ask that the Commission appoint a Hearing Officer (not a Hearing Examiner) in this matter and that the Utilities Agenda for tomorrow's Commission meeting accurately reflects that the request is for the appointment of a Hearing Officer.

AT&T South Carolina, therefore, respectfully requests that the Commission appoint a Hearing Officer as requested by the SCTC and direct the Hearing Officer to expeditiously convene a status conference with all parties to address the concerns set out in the Response the SCTC filed yesterday. Hopefully, that status conference will result in a consensus proposed Protective Order that can be entered in this docket. In the unlikely event that the status conference does not result in consensus, AT&T South Carolina recommends that the Hearing Officer expeditiously rule on AT&T South Carolina's Motion for a Protective Order and the SCTC's Response.

I am serving all parties of record with a copy of this letter as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick W. Turner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patrick W. Turner

cc: All Parties of Record

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND) CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, Carolyn Hanesworth, hereby certifies that she is employed by the Legal Department for BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T South Carolina (“AT&T”) and that she has caused AT&T South Carolina’s Letter addressing SCTC Motion in Docket No. 2012-136-C to be served upon the following on May 24, 2012:

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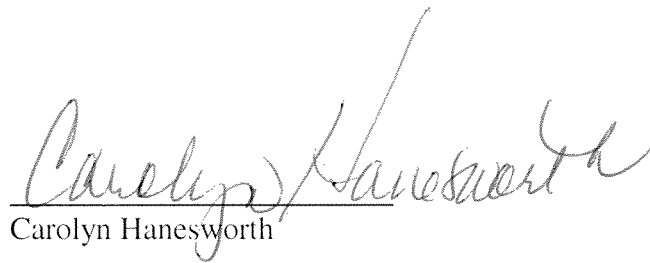
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